

**RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/05/2016
AGENDA HEADING: Consent Calendar

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:


Consideration and possible action to review the status of Border Issues

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

- 1) Receive and file the current report on the status of Border Issues.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Amount Budgeted:	N/A
Additional Appropriation:	N/A
Account Number(s):	N/A

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REVIEWED BY: Gabriella Yap, Deputy City Manager 

APPROVED BY: Doug Willmore, City Manager 

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for partial closure of DFSP San Pedro (page A-1)
- B. March 29th LACP&OSD report (page B-1)
- C. Revised site plans for PVPUSD solar panel project (page C-1)
- D. February 24th PVPUSD Board Agenda & Minutes (page D-1)
- E. March 17th PV News article (page E-1)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This month's report includes:

- A final report on the approval and implementation of the Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan in Los Angeles (San Pedro);
- A final report on the possible closure of Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) San Pedro in Los Angeles (San Pedro);
- An update on the County's construction of proposed "observation stations" in Friendship Park within Rancho Palos Verdes; and,
- An update on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District's (PVPUSD's) Energy Conservation Facilities Project that could involve the installation of solar panel arrays at eight (8) school sites in Rancho Palos Verdes.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The following is the regular bi-monthly report to the City Council on various “Border Issues” potentially affecting the residents of Rancho Palos Verdes. The complete text of the current status report is available for review on the City’s website at:

<http://www.rpvca.gov/781/Border-Issues-Status-Report>

Current Border Issues

Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan, Los Angeles (San Pedro)

On February 19, 2016, 15th District Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino announced the release of the final Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan. The final plan is available for review on-line at <http://bit.ly/1QhiB23>. A construction contract for the Gaffey Street project has been signed to begin implementation, which is set to start by the end of 2016 and continue into 2018. Staff will remove this project from future Border Issues reports.

Closure of Defense Fuel Support Point San Pedro, Los Angeles (San Pedro)

On March 4, 2016, the Navy announced the availability of the final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed closure of Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) San Pedro (Attachment A). The complete EA/FONSI is available for review on-line at the following link:

http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrcsw/installations/nws_seal_beach/om/environmental_support/dEA-DFSP.html

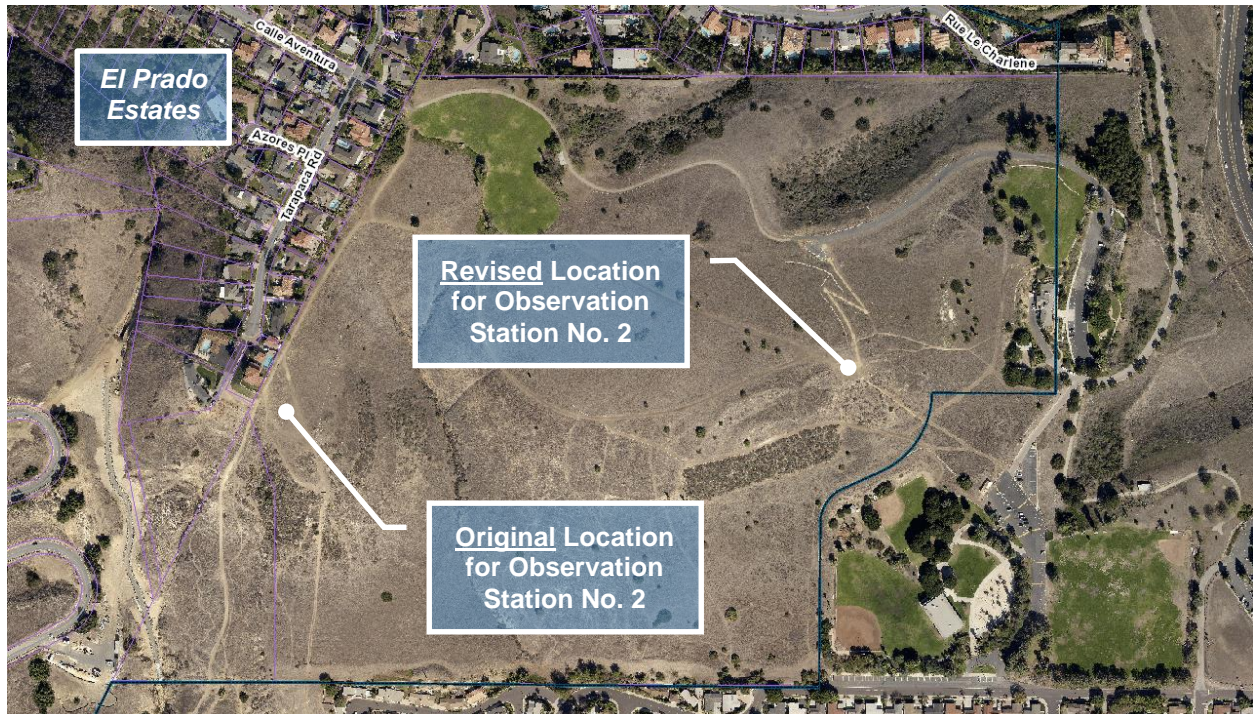
The Navy has selected the partial closure of DFSP San Pedro (i.e., Alternative 4). This will involve placing the existing above-ground steel storage tanks back into service, and abandoning or demolishing some other site infrastructure. Staff will remove this project in future Border Issues reports.

Friendship Park Observation Stations, Rancho Palos Verdes/Los Angeles (San Pedro)

At the November 18, 2015, follow-up meeting with residents in the *El Prado Estates* neighborhood, the County announced that the second observation station would be relocated away from nearby homes. The County also committed to replacing and installing fences and other barriers to prevent unauthorized nighttime access to the park from 25th Street and from Calle Aventura.

County Staff has recently confirmed that the second observation station is under construction at the new location (see aerial photo below). On March 29, 2016, the Board of Supervisors was scheduled to consider the reallocation of \$252,000 to the Friendship Park General Improvements Project, which would include the additional

fences and barriers. Staff will continue to monitor this project in future Border Issues reports.



Energy Conservation Facilities Project, PVPUSD Campuses Citywide

On February 2, 2016, the District completed the first round of public outreach meetings for its solar energy project. At meetings attended by Staff at Silver Spur and Point Vicente elementary schools, Superintendent Don Austin stated that the proposed site plans for many campuses had been or would be revised based upon comments received at the public outreach meetings. Superintendent Austin also stated that the Board of Education would probably be reviewing the final recommendations for each campus in March 2016.

Revised draft site plans for the placement of solar panel shade structures/carports at ten (10) PVPUSD campuses located in or adjacent to the City are attached to tonight's report (Attachment B). On February 24, 2016, the Board of Education received a status report on the solar panel project from District Staff (Attachment C). The Board approved the revised proposals for several PVPUSD campuses, including the following four (4) campuses in Rancho Palos Verdes:

- Cornerstone @ Pedregal
- Miraleste Intermediate
- Ridgecrest Intermediate
- Soleado Elementary

On March 17, 2016, the Palos Verdes *Peninsula News* reported that the District was conducting additional public outreach meetings with parents and neighbors at the other four (4) campuses in Rancho Palos Verdes on March 17-18, 2016:

- Mira Catalina Elementary
- Point Vicente Elementary
- Silver Spur Elementary
- Vista Grande Elementary

As of the date that this report was completed, the District had not responded to inquiries from the City about the outcome of these additional outreach efforts. According to media reports, the Board is expected to consider the proposals for the remaining campuses in April 2016. Staff will continue to monitor this project in future Border Issues reports.

New Border Issues

There are no new Border Issues on which to report at this time.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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SUPPORT POINT, SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy (Navy) NEPA regulations (32 CFR Part 775), and Chief of Naval Operations Manual 5090.1, the Navy gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared. Based on this Finding of No Significant Impact, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the Proposed Complete or Partial Closure of Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) San Pedro, California.

Proposed Action: The purpose of the Proposed Action is to achieve efficiencies in receiving, storing, and distributing fuel to Department of Defense facilities. The DFSP San Pedro fuel facility includes the Main Terminal, the Marine Terminal, and off-site pipelines. The project is needed to address aging infrastructure and to limit environmental risk.

Under the Proposed Action, the Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) propose to completely or partially close DFSP San Pedro. Under this proposal, the existing DLA and Navy Host Tenant Real Estate Agreement would be terminated and the fuel facility infrastructure, or a portion of the infrastructure, would be physically disconnected and closed in place, abandoned in place, dismantled, and/or demolished, depending on the alternative selected. NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach would continue as the Class I property owner of DFSP San Pedro.

Public Participation: The public participation process comprised both a Public Scoping Process and two Public Review Periods.

The public scoping process was initiated with the publication of a public scoping meeting notice in two local newspapers: The Los Angeles Times and the Daily Breeze on February 27, 28, and March 1, 2015. The public scoping meeting was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. The 15-day public scoping comment period began on

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March 18 and ended on April 3. Thirty-seven persons attended the public meeting and 19 written comments were received during the public scoping comment period.

The first public review period was initiated with the publication of the Notice of Availability of the Draft EA in two local newspapers: The Los Angeles Times and the Daily Breeze on August 7, 8, and 9, 2015. The Draft EA was made available for review at three local public libraries (the San Pedro Regional Branch Library, the Harbor Gateway City Library, and the Los Angeles Public Library Wilmington) and via the Navy Region Southwest website (www.cnmc.navy.mil/sealbeach). The public review period began on August 7 and ended on August 24, 2015. Eight written comments were received during the public review period.

Based on comments received during the public review period held in August 2015, the Navy reopened public review between 20 November 2015 and 9 December 2015 to allow for additional public participation. The second public review period was initiated with the publication of the Notice of Availability of the Draft EA in two local newspapers: The Los Angeles Times and the Daily Breeze on November 20, 21, and 22, 2015. The Draft EA was made available for on-line review at www.cnmc.navy.mil/sealbeach, along with certain documents incorporated by reference in the Draft EA (i.e., the DFSP San Pedro Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, the 2010 Biological Opinion, the 2014 Draft Biological Assessment, and the 2015 Draft Biological Assessment). Three written comments were received during the reopened public review period.

Alternatives Analyzed:

- 1) **Proposed Action (Alternative 1):** Under Alternative 1, DFSP San Pedro would be completely closed with partial demolition of existing infrastructure.
- 2) **Alternative 2:** Under Alternative 2, DFSP San Pedro would be completely closed with minimal demolition of existing infrastructure.

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- 3) **Alternative 3:** Under Alternative 3, DFSP San Pedro would be completely closed with complete demolition of existing infrastructure.
- 4) **Alternative 4:** Under Alternative 4, only a portion of DFSP San Pedro would be closed and partial operations would resume; however, unneeded infrastructure would be closed with minimal demolition.
- 5) **No Action Alternative:** Under the No Action Alternative, a reversal of temporary closure and presumed eventual resumption of full operations at DFSP San Pedro would occur.

Alternative to be Implemented: Alternative 4 has been selected for implementation as it best meets the purpose and need for the project, and would have no significant impacts to the human or natural environment.

Due to recent clarification of the Navy's anticipated future operational requirements, Alternative 4 has been slightly changed so that six (6) steel underground storage tanks (USTs) would be closed, filled with inert solid and abandoned in place. Under Alternative 4 as initially presented, both these steel USTs and a number of steel aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) at the Main Terminal would have been re-opened for future operational use. Alternative 4 would now reflect closure and abandonment in place of the steels USTs and reopening of a number of the steel ASTs. The Navy and DLA have carefully evaluated including such closure and abandonment within Alternative 4 and believe that doing so is consistent in scope with the original Alternative 4, so long as the steel USTs would be filled in with foamcrete or concrete, as opposed to being opened and filled with soil. The filling in of the tanks with foamcrete or concrete would be done through existing conduits, resulting in little or no surface disturbance. Equipment to conduct the filling operation—including a batch plant as needed—can be brought to the site along established roads and situated on previously-paved/developed surfaces. Furthermore, any risk of future contamination around and beneath USTs would be lessened by closing the steel USTs and abandoning them in place, since fewer tanks would be returning to operational status.

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Thus, any change in impacts associated with Alternative 4 as a result of closure and abandonment in place of the steel USTs would be de minimis, and would in fact likely result in an overall lessening of impacts over time.

The potential filling in of the six steel USTs was already contemplated and analyzed in the EA under Alternatives 1 and 2, and was found to have only minimal impacts so long as foamcrete or concrete were used (EA Sections 3.1.3.1 and 3.1.3.2). Impacts associated with the potential filling in of these USTs would be the same if performed as part of Alternative 4. Further, closing the steel USTs and abandoning them in place would be consistent with the kinds of activities already proposed and analyzed under Alternative 4 in the Draft EA—combining closure of most of the facilities at DFSP San Pedro along with a partial re-opening of facilities—since Alternative 4 already included the filling in of DFSP San Pedro's more-numerous concrete USTs. Accordingly, the Navy and DLA have determined that incorporating closure and abandonment in place of the six steel USTs as part of Alternative 4 does not change the nature or scale of the alternative, and fits within the range of activities already contemplated by the alternative; does not appreciably alter the environmental impacts associated with the alternative, and likely even reduces said impacts; and therefore does not represent "substantial changes in the proposed action ... relevant to environmental concerns" or "significant new circumstances ... relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts" which would require preparation and circulation of a supplemental draft of the EA under 40 C.F.R. § 1502.9(c).

An Errata Sheet has been prepared and included in the Final EA to reflect this change.

Existing Conditions: The Proposed Action would occur at DFSP San Pedro, a Navy-owned fuel facility. DFSP San Pedro consists of a Main Terminal, located in San Pedro; a Marine Terminal, located in the West Basin of Long Beach Harbor; and off-site interconnecting pipelines. DFSP San Pedro is a Special Area assigned to NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach located in the community of San Pedro, California.

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Operation of DFSP San Pedro is currently the responsibility of the DLA. DLA uses DFSP San Pedro in accordance with a Host Tenant Real Estate Agreement established with the Navy. DLA has been a tenant to the Navy at DFSP San Pedro since 1980.

The federally listed threatened or endangered species known to occur or that have the potential to occur within the project area or immediate vicinity include the Palos Verdes blue butterfly (PVB) (*Glaucopsyche lygdamus palosverdesensis* [federally listed as endangered]), the coastal California gnatcatcher (CAGN) (*Polioptila californica* [federally listed as threatened]), and the California least tern (*Sternula antillarum browni*) [federally listed as endangered].

Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures: The impact avoidance and minimization measures as described in Appendix B of the EA would be implemented. The following is a summary of the environmental consequences of the selected alternative:

Biological Resources: With the successful implementation of the impact avoidance and minimization measures listed in Appendix B of the EA, direct temporary impacts to biological resources under Alternative 4 would occur to approximately 16 acres of vegetation and land cover types. Indirect temporary impacts to wildlife species may occur within adjacent habitat due to an increase in dust, noise, or other demolition-related disturbances. Alternative 4 would temporarily disturb 0.18 acre of potentially occupied PVB habitat, which is approximately 0.6 percent of the total PVB habitat at the Main Terminal, and 0.09 acre of potentially occupied CAGN habitat, which is approximately 0.16 percent of the total CAGN habitat at the Main Terminal. Biological resources would continue to be managed in accordance with the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. Through consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Navy has completed an effects evaluation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has concurred with the Navy's effects evaluation that with the implementation of the identified impact avoidance and minimization measures, the proposed activities are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the PVB, and may affect but are not likely to adversely affect the CAGN and California least tern. Therefore, with implementation of impact avoidance and minimization

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measures proposed, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact to biological resources.

Geological Resources: Under Alternative 4, minor surface disturbance and minor grading would occur. Through implementation of engineering measures and erosion controls identified in the geotechnical/engineering evaluation, any increased risk for landslides and erosion would be minimized. There would be no or negligible impacts to mineral resources, bedrock, or soils. There would be no increased risk of earthquake-related hazards - ground shaking, liquefaction, tsunamis, and seiches. If the soil backfill option were to be chosen for filling the underground storage tanks (apart from the six steel USTs incorporated into Alternative 4 per discussion above), a minor change in topography in the Operational Area would occur. Therefore, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact to geological resources.

Water Resources: Under Alternative 4, no direct impacts to surface waters or floodplains would occur. Any potential impacts to groundwater resources would be negligible. Implementation of and adherence to the project-specific construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and associated best management practices would minimize the potential for pollutants to enter receiving waters at the Main Terminal and Marine Terminal during demolition and abandonment activities. Post-closure, new SWPPPs would be prepared for the Main Terminal and Marine Terminal in compliance with all regulatory requirements applicable to post-closure site conditions and activities, and partial resumed operations would be conducted in compliance with these new SWPPPs and associated BMPs. Therefore, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact to water resources.

Transportation: Under Alternative 4, activities associated with partial closure and demolition would generate approximately 224 average daily trips (including construction worker trips, delivery of materials, and removal of demolition debris). The temporary increase in daily trips would not result in unacceptable operating conditions during peak traffic periods. The bulk of additional truck trips would not occur during peak hours. During partial closure, there would be a negligible

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increase of 36 daily trips during peak hours. Therefore, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact to transportation.

Air Quality: Alternative 4 would generate dust that could migrate off-site during certain conditions. However, Alternative 4 would not exceed de minimis levels for VOCs, NOx, CO, SO2, PM10 or PM2.5, and a Clean Air Act Conformity Determination would not be required. Therefore, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact to air quality.

Noise: Under Alternative 4, noise associated with demolition activities would range from approximately 74 to 90 decibels at 50 feet (15 meters) and then decrease with increasing distance from the source. In addition to increasing distance, the topography would shield sensitive noise receptors from demolition noise. Noise impacts would be spread out over a large area in a transitory and temporary manner. While the schools, residences, and commercial structures located near proposed demolition activities might hear noise generated by temporary demolition activities, the noise levels would not be noticeably distinct from the existing noise environment. Noise from partial operations would be less than historical levels and would be indistinct. Therefore, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact to sensitive noise receptors.

Hazardous Materials and Wastes: Under Alternative 4, infrastructure would be closed, demolished, and/or abandoned in place in accordance with applicable regulations. Proposed demolition activities could encounter contamination associated with existing Navy Installation Restoration Program sites and/or DLA restoration sites. In addition, underground pipelines and valve pits to be demolished may be located beneath aboveground remediation equipment and/or in proximity to subsurface wells. Implementation of the identified impact avoidance and minimization measures, in conjunction with compliance with all applicable legal requirements, would prevent risk of human exposure to contamination and would protect equipment and facilities associated with on-going environmental remediation efforts at the Main Terminal. Under partial operations, existing plans would be followed to minimize potential for inadvertent

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release. On-going site assessments and remediation activities would continue. Therefore, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact related to hazardous materials and wastes.

Cultural Resources: Under Alternative 4, there would be no impact to cultural resources as no known National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-listed or NRHP-eligible cultural resources are located within the Area of Potential Effect. Although unlikely, if previously unrecorded archaeological resources were encountered, work in the affected area would stop. Adherence to the DFSP San Pedro Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan would continue. Based on the results of the records search and field investigation, the State Historic Preservation Officer has concurred with a finding of No Historic Properties Affected. Therefore, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact to cultural resources.

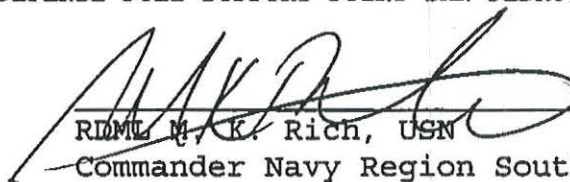
Visual Resources: Under Alternative 4, proposed demolition and abandonment activities would result in temporary and transitory negative impacts to the visual environment. Visual impacts associated with resumption of partial operations would be visually consistent with the historical and regional activities, but at a reduced level compared to historic operations. Therefore, implementation of Alternative 4 would not have a significant impact to visual resources.

Finding: Based on the analysis presented in the EA, the Navy finds that implementation of Alternative 4 would not significantly impact the quality of the human or natural environment.

The EA prepared by the Navy addressing this action is on file, and interested parties may obtain a copy from Ms. Teresa Bresler, Senior Environmental Planner, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Code JE20.TB, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92132-5190, or email teresa.bresler@navy.mil.

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Commander Navy Region Southwest



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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March 29, 2016

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE A REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE
FOR THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITIONS OF 1992,
ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL
DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR
THE FRIENDSHIP PARK GENERAL REHABILITATION PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$131,000 in Specified Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$121,000, for a total not to exceed \$252,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for general improvements at Friendship Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Friendship Park General Rehabilitation Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the project.
2. Approve a Revised Plan of Expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund its Friendship Park General Rehabilitation Project by reallocating an amount not to exceed \$131,000 in Specified Funds originally allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1) pursuant the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992.

3. Allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$121,000, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Friendship Park General Rehabilitation Project.

4. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to utilize unspent Specified Funds of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) by approving a Revised Plan of Expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$131,000 in Specified Funds under Section 8.a.1 to fund the Friendship Park General Rehabilitation Project (Project).

Approval of the recommended actions will also allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in an amount not to exceed \$121,000, to DPR for the Project.

The proposed Project involves general rehabilitation at Friendship Park, including the purchase and installation of fencing and bollards throughout the park to improve safety and security and replacement of section of roofing. The total estimated project cost is \$252,000 and will be fully funded with the recommended 1992 Proposition Specified Funds and 1996 Proposition County Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Acting Director), in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant to DPR when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Acting Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing grant funds to enhance healthy activities in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$252,000, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Assessment and Excess Project Funds, HD4 and HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by the Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. After this grant agreement is executed, DPR will be eligible to receive Excess Funds.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Acting Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County is the lead agency for the proposed Project

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of replacement of section of roofing and installation of fencing and bollards, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302 and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 (a) and 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves replacement or reconstruction of structures with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose and capacity and construction of accessory structures.

The proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project's records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Acting Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

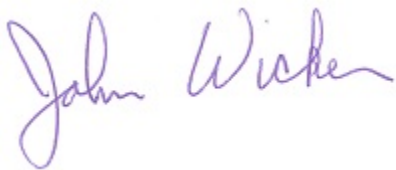
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended Project will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

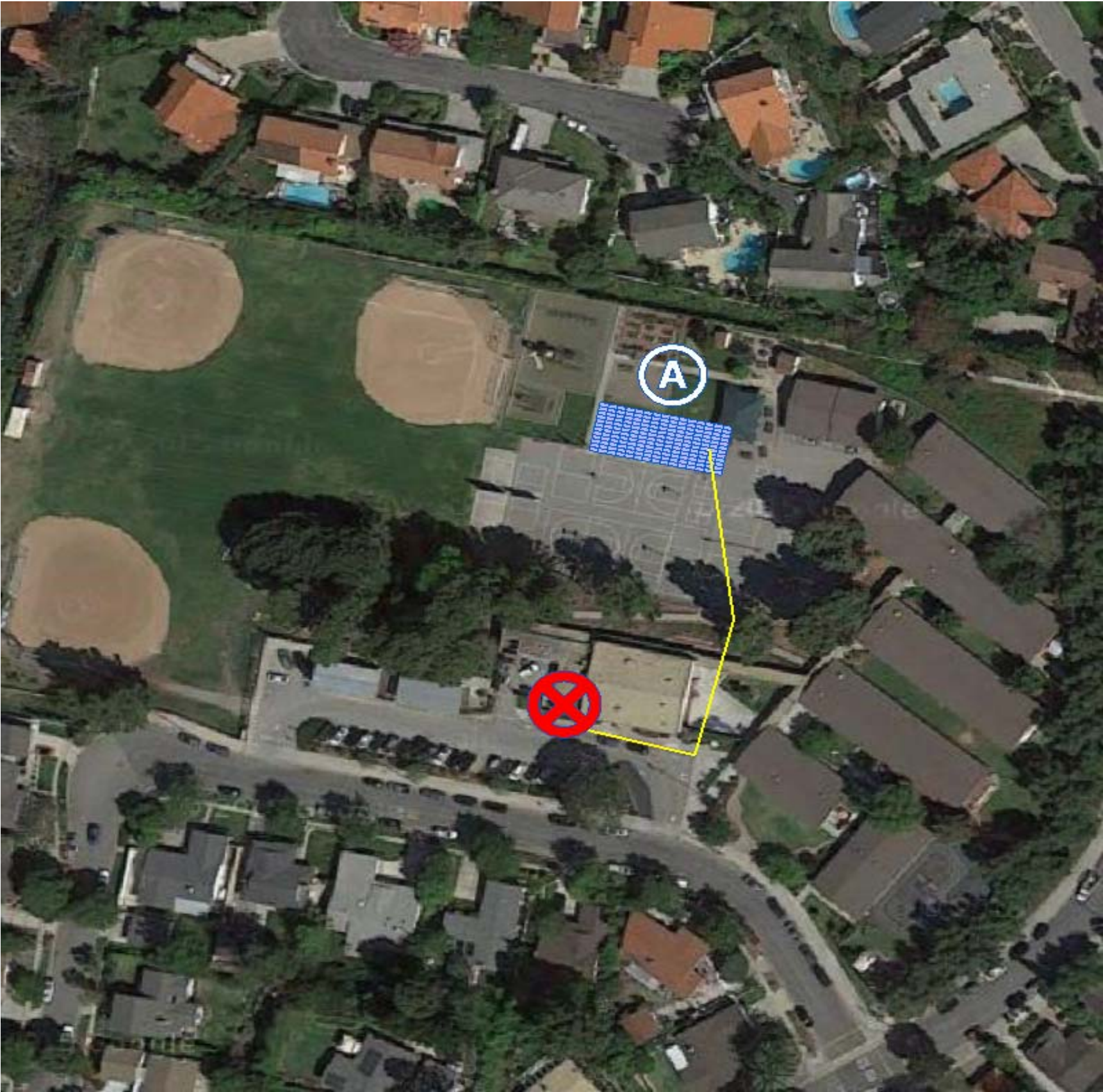


JOHN WICKER

Acting Director

JW:JB:WRO:tb

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



CONSTRAINED LAYOUT OF PROPOSED SOLAR SYSTEM

TABLE OF SOLAR ARRAYS

Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Elevated	12	180	58.50	192°	7°
			180	58.50		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Cornerstone ES	259000-031709	180	58.50	A

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 351 ft

NOTES

- 1. Trees under or in the immediate vicinity of arrays will be removed by PFMG Solar. Other obstructions will be removed or relocated by PFMG Solar as agreed.
- 2. Lighting will be provided under canopies where existing lighting is removed. Existing lighting circuits will be used. Light poles to be returned to the client.
- 3. Arrays will be divided into 4,000sf sections with a 1' gap for earthquake safety
- 4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name:
CORNERSTONE AT PEDREGAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Project name:
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD

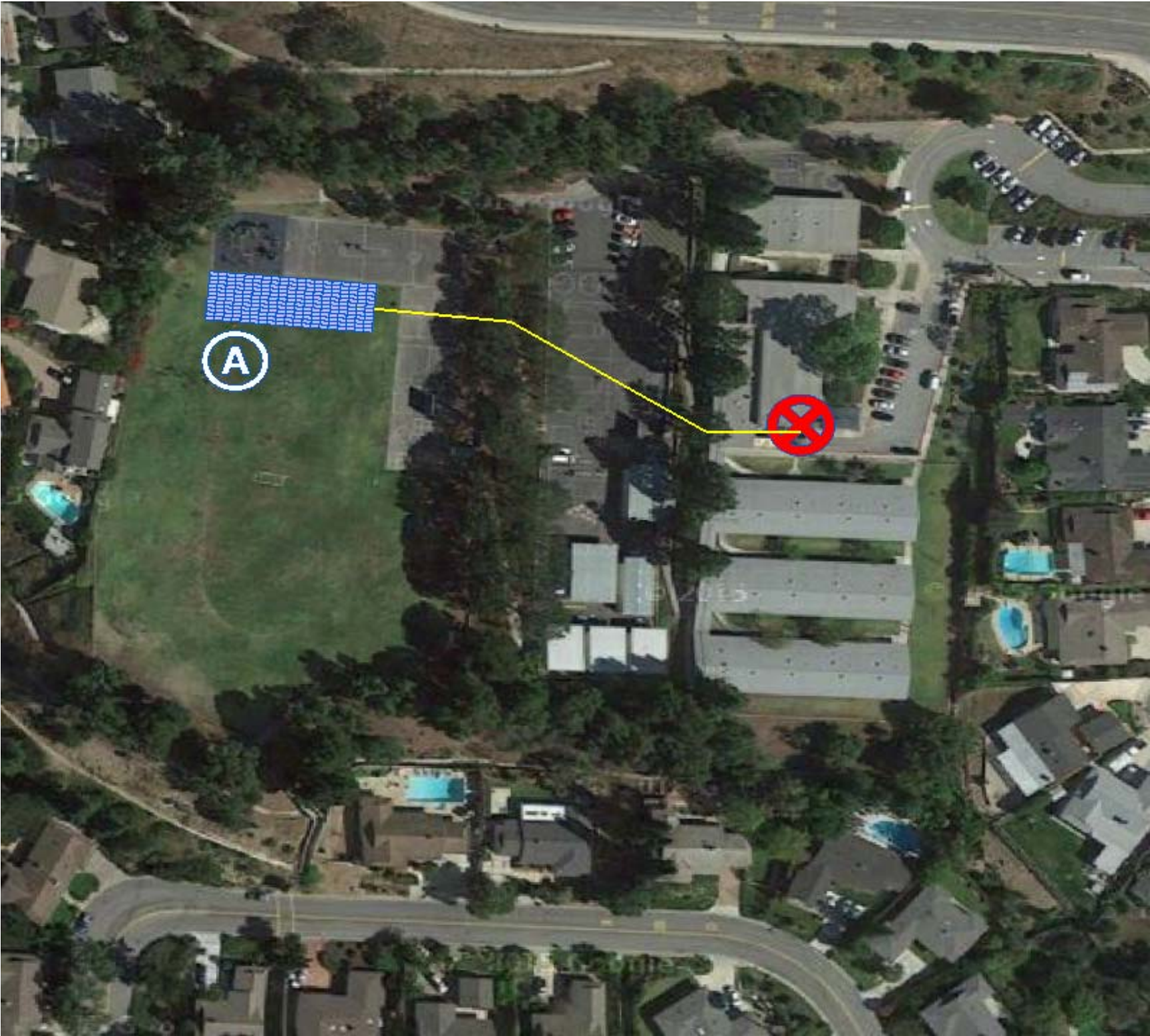
Site Address:
6069 GROVEOAK PL
RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275

Revision: A02
Date: 2/2/2016
Drawn by: SAP



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CONSTRAINED LAYOUT OF PROPOSED SOLAR SYSTEM

TABLE OF SOLAR ARRAYS

Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Elevated	12	220	71.50	185°	7°
			220	71.50		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Mira Catalina ES	259000-040249	220	71.50	A

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 357 ft


NOTES

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- 2. Lighting will be provided under canopies where existing lighting is removed. Existing lighting circuits will be used. Light poles to be returned to the client.
- 3. Arrays will be divided into 4,000sf sections with a 1' gap for earthquake safety
- 4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name: MIRA CATALINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Project name: PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD	Site Address: 30511 LUCANIA DR RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275	Revision: A02 Date: 2/2/2016 Drawn by: SAP	 Partners For Many Generations 7777 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 200 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92647 (714) 408-2982 WWW.PFMGSOLAR.COM <u>CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT</u> This drawing is the property of PFMG Solar LLC and is not to be disclosed to others without written consent from PFMG Solar LLC
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Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Carport	10	300	97.50	253°	7°
B	Carport	10	520	169.00	254°	7°
C	Elevated	12	280	91.00	163°	7°
			1,100	357.50		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Miraleste IS 1	V349R-000325	1,100	357.50	A,B,C

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 1000 ft

NOTES

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3. Arrays will be divided into 4,000sf sections with a 1' gap for earthquake safety
4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name:
MIRALESTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Project name:
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD

Site Address:
29323 PALOS VERDES DR E
RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275

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SCHEMATIC LAYOUT OF PROPOSED SOLAR SYSTEM

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Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Carport	7	100	31.50	192°	7°
B	Elevated	7	220	69.30	238°	7°
C	Elevated	12	680	214.20	239°	7°
D	Elevated	12	560	176.40	239°	7°
			1,560	491.40		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS

Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Palos Verdes Peninsula H	V349P-000269	1,560	491.40	A,B,C,D
	Palos Verdes Peninsula H	259000-053580			
	Palos Verdes Peninsula H	259000-033769			
			1,560	491.40	

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 315W
Total estimated conduit length = 2450 ft

NOTES

- 1. Results of easement reports may affect final placement of solar arrays
- 2. Trees and/or other obstructions will have to be removed, trimmed or relocated
- 3. A detailed analysis of the effect of shade on the arrays has not been performed
- 4. A soil analysis has not been performed
- 5. It is assumed that the site is not in a designated flood plain
- 6. Arrays may be divided into 4,000sf sections with a 1' gap for earthquake safety

LEGEND

- Solar Array
- Meter Location ID
- Point of Interconnection
- Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name:

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL

Project name:

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD

Site Address:

27118 SILVER SPUR RD
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CONSTRAINED LAYOUT OF PROPOSED SOLAR SYSTEM

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Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Elevated	12	140	45.50	193°	7°
			140	45.50		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Point Vicente ES	259000-032313	140	45.50	A

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 139 ft

NOTES

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- 3. Arrays will be divided into 4,000sf sections with a 1' gap for earthquake safety
- 4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name:
POINT VICENTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPTION 4

Project name:
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD

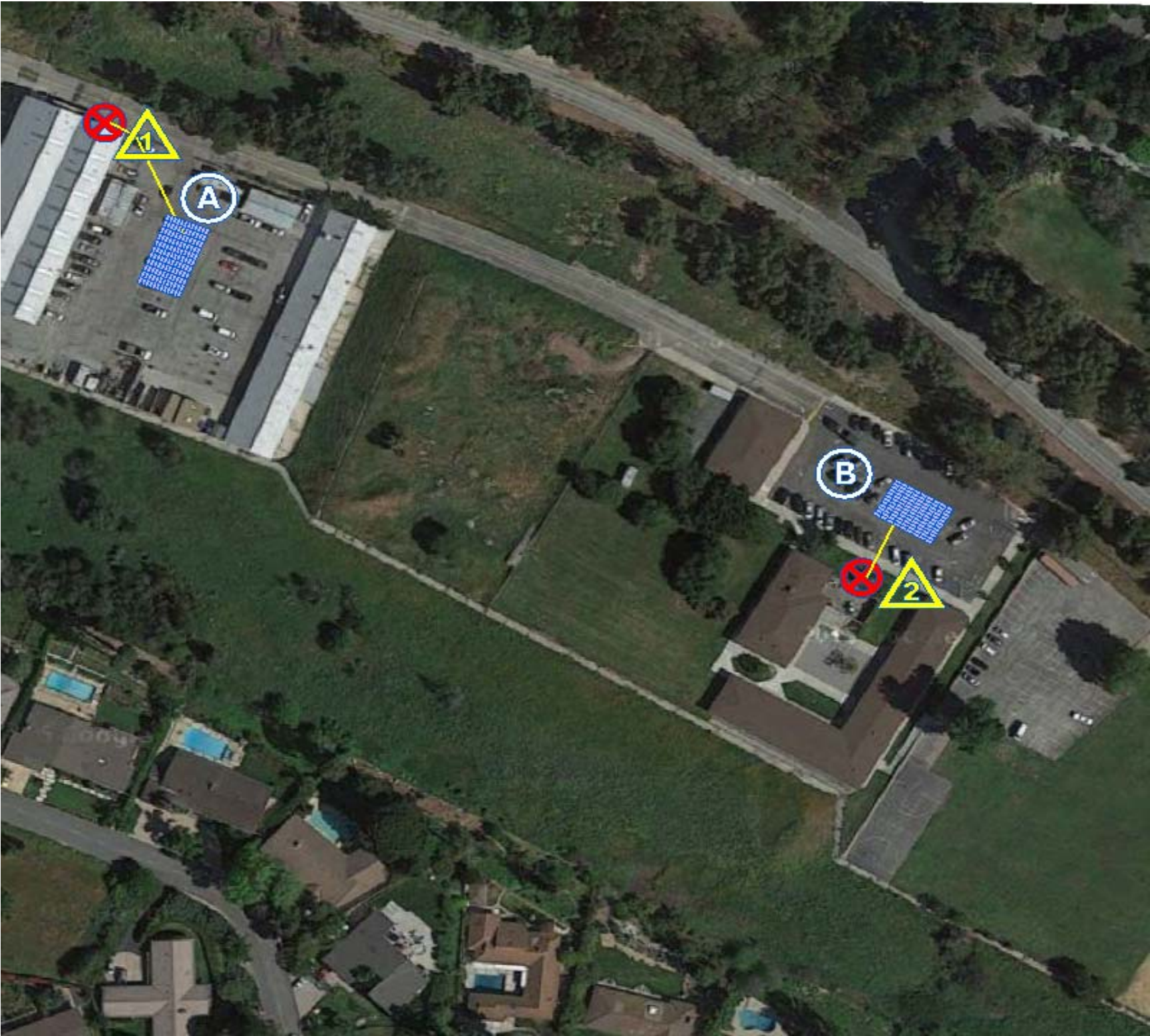
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Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Carport	12	120	39.00	112°	7°
B	Carport	12	100	32.50	211°	7°
			220	71.50		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Rancho Del Mar HS 1	223000-009003	120	39.00	A
	Rancho Del Mar HS 2	223000-009436	100	32.50	B
			220	71.50	

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 72 ft


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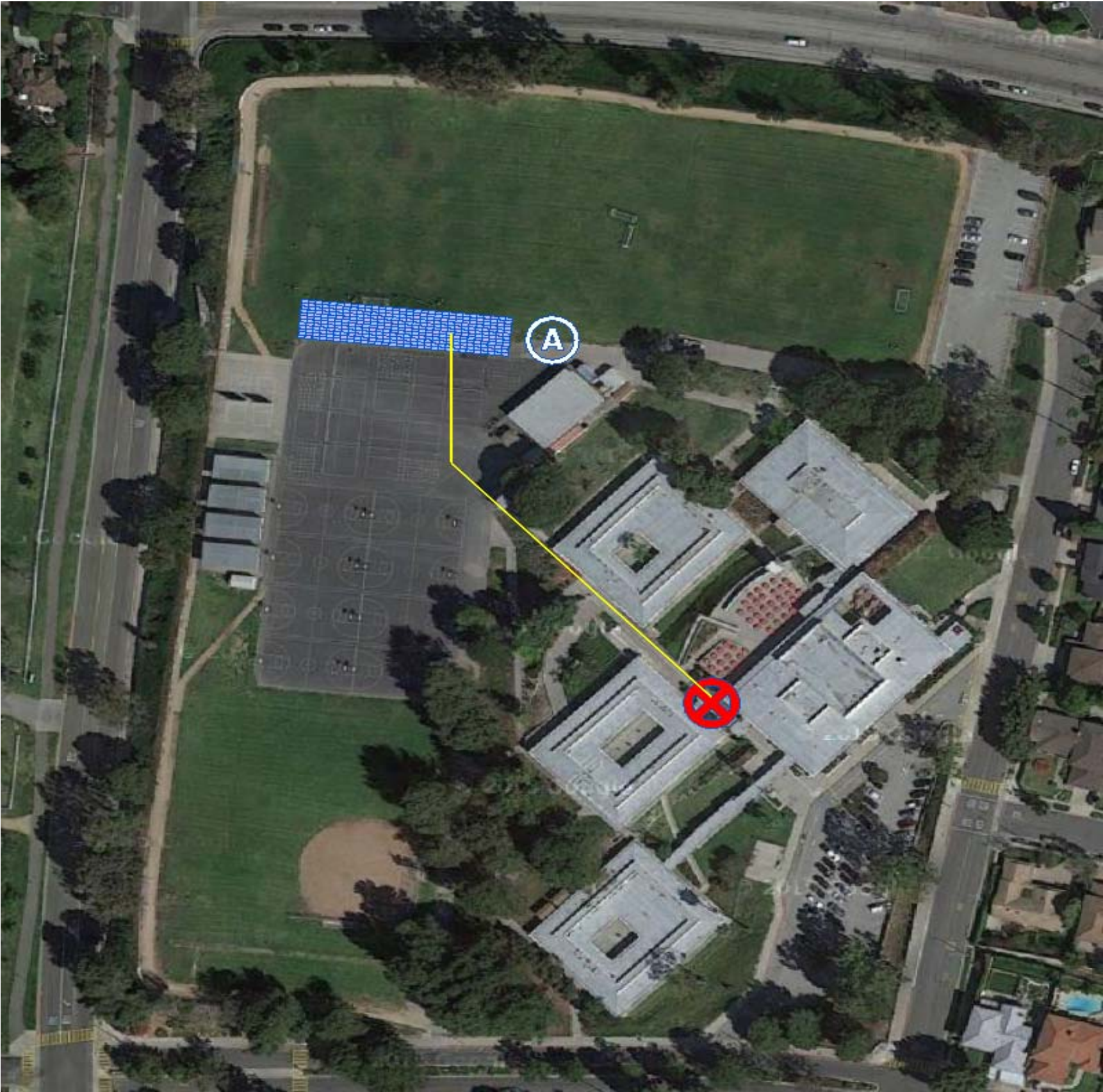
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- 3. Arrays will be divided into 4,000sf sections with a 1' gap for earthquake safety
- 4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name: RANCHO DEL MAR HIGH SCHOOL, MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FACILITY	Project name: PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD	Site Address: 38 CREST RD W ROLLING HIILS, CA 90274	Revision: A02 Date: 2/2/2016 Drawn by: SAP	 Partners For Many Generations 7777 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 200 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92647 (714) 408-2982 WWW.PFMGSOLAR.COM CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT This drawing is the property of PFMG Solar LLC and is not to be disclosed to others without written consent from PFMG Solar LLC
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CONSTRAINED LAYOUT OF PROPOSED SOLAR SYSTEM

TABLE OF SOLAR ARRAYS

Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Elevated	10	360	117.00	186°	7°
			360	117.00		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Ridgecrest IS	343M-007748	360	117.00	A

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 472 ft


NOTES

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- 3. Arrays will be divided into 4,000sf sections with a 1' gap for earthquake safety
- 4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name: RIDGECREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	Project name: PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD	Site Address: 28915 NORTHBAY RD RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275	Revision: A02 Date: 2/2/2016 Drawn by: SAP	 Partners For Many Generations 7777 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 200 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92647 (714) 408-2982 WWW.PFMGSOLAR.COM <u>CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT</u> This drawing is the property of PFMG Solar LLC and is not to be disclosed to others without written consent from PFMG Solar LLC
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Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Elevated	12	240	78.00	184°	7°
			240	78.00		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Silver Spur ES	259000-033102	240	78.00	A

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 218 ft


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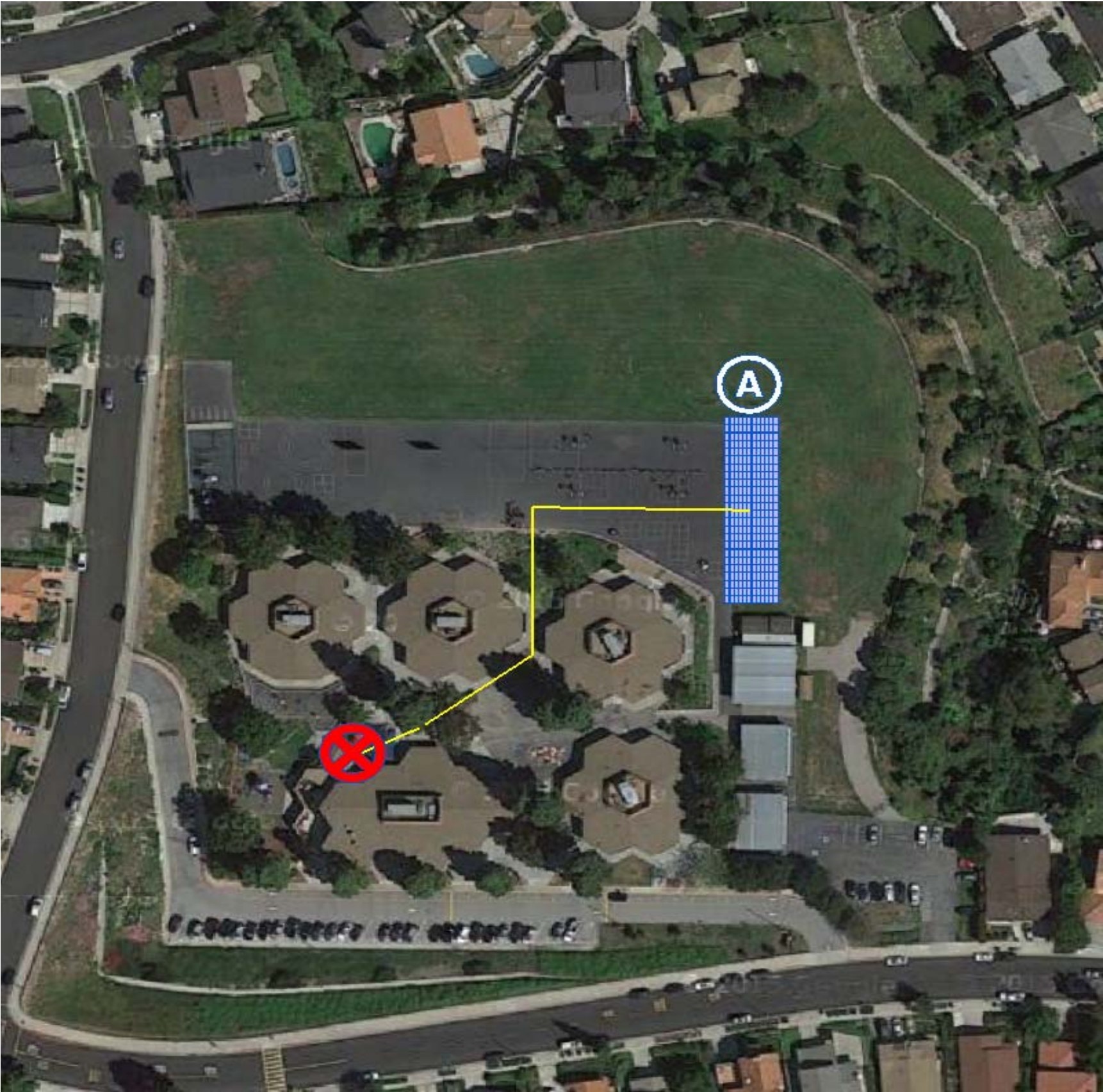
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- 4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name: SILVER SPUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Project name: PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD	Site Address: 5500 IRONWOOD ST RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275	Revision: A02 Date: 2/2/2016 Drawn by: SAP	 Partners For Many Generations 7777 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 200 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92647 (714) 408-2982 WWW.PFMGSOLAR.COM <u>CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT</u> This drawing is the property of PFMG Solar LLC and is not to be disclosed to others without written consent from PFMG Solar LLC
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Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Elevated	12	280	91.00	270°	7°
			280	91.00		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Soleado ES	259000-032052	280	91.00	A

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 387 ft


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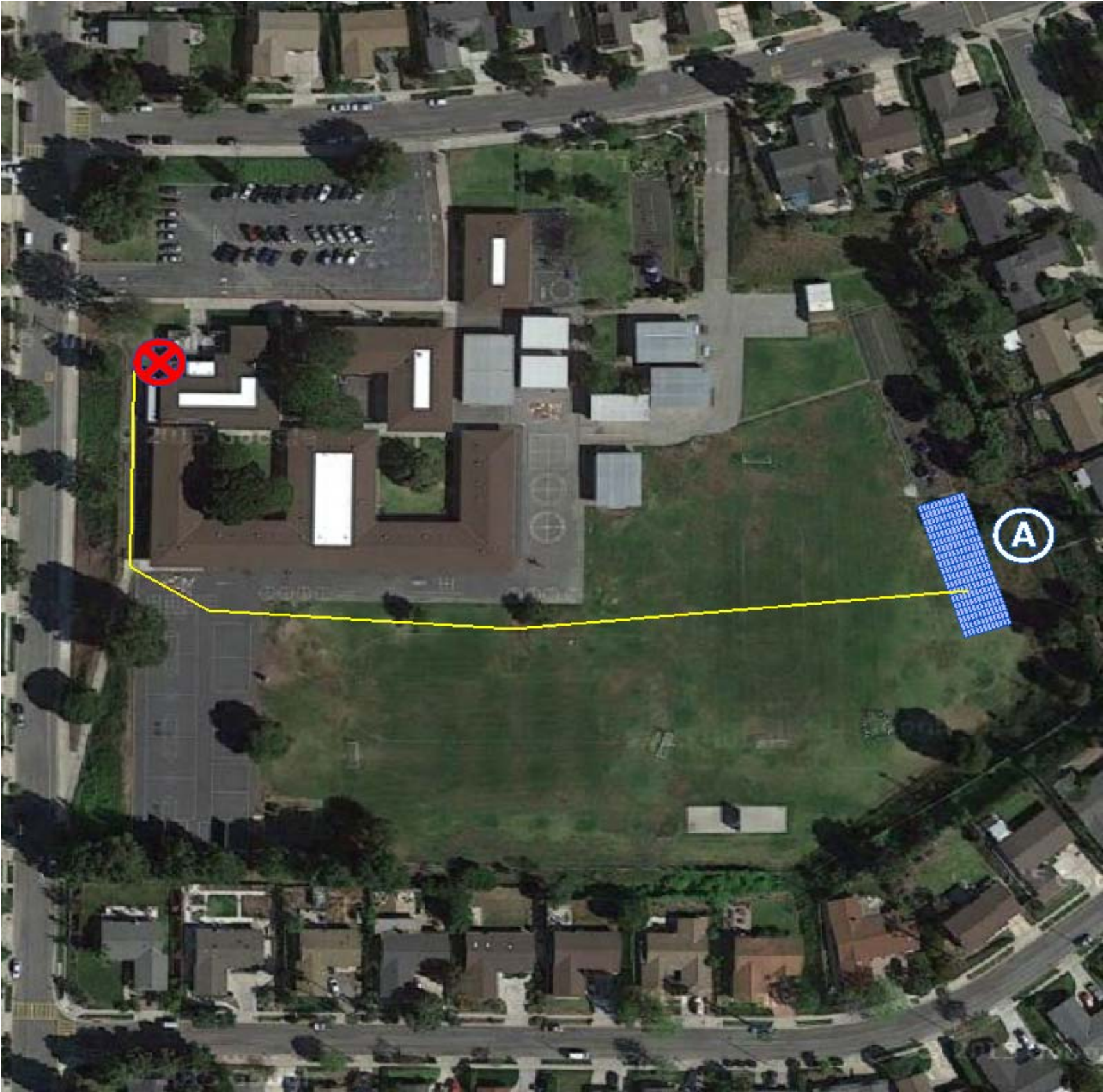
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- 3. Arrays will be divided into 4,000sf sections with a 1' gap for earthquake safety
- 4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name: SOLEADO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Project name: PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD	Site Address: 27800 LONGHILL DR RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275	Revision: A02 Date: 2/2/2016 Drawn by: SAP	 Partners For Many Generations 7777 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 200 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92647 (714) 408-2982 WWW.PFMGSOLAR.COM <u>CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT</u> This drawing is the property of PFMG Solar LLC and is not to be disclosed to others without written consent from PFMG Solar LLC
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Location ID	Racking Type	Modules in Rise	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Azimuth	Tilt
A	Elevated	12	220	71.50	252°	7°
			220	71.50		

TABLE OF UTILITY METERS





Location ID	Meter Name	Meter Number	# of Modules	Size DC kW	Connected to Arrays
	Vista Grande ES	259000-032312	220	71.50	A

Arrays were designed assuming a crystalline silicon PV module of nominal power = 325W
Total estimated conduit length = 880 ft


NOTES

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- 4. Civil and geotechnical surveys have not been performed yet

LEGEND

-  Solar Array
-  Meter Location ID
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Proposed Conduit Run



Site Name: VISTA GRANDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Project name: PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD	Site Address: 7032 PURPLERIDGE DR RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275	Revision: A02 Date: 2/2/2016 Drawn by: SAP	 Partners For Many Generations 7777 CENTER AVENUE, SUITE 200 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92647 (714) 408-2982 WWW.PFMGSOLAR.COM CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT This drawing is the property of PFMG Solar LLC and is not to be disclosed to others without written consent from PFMG Solar LLC
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N.4. Update on Energy Conservation Services - Solar Panel Projects

Rationale:

Background Information

At its meeting of November 18, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. 11 – 2015/16 approving an agreement for energy conservation services with PFMG Solar, LLC.

Current Considerations

District staff will provide an update on the following:

- Review of Outreach Efforts
- Solar Panel Revisions
- Solar Panel Locations
- Division of State Architect (DSA) Timelines
- Solar Panel Construction Timelines

Administrator

Deputy Superintendent

Requested Motion:

That the Board give staff direction on the approval process for the final solar panel locations.

Actions:

Motion

That the Board direct staff to proceed with completion and submission of DSA drawings for Group 1 Solar Panel Projects at **Cornerstone @ Pedregal**, Dapplegray Elementary, **Miraleste Intermediate**, Montemalaga Elementary, Palos Verdes High, Palos Verdes Intermediate, Rancho del Mar High, Rancho Vista Elementary, **Ridgecrest Intermediate**, **Soleado Elementary** school sites and the PVPUSD Maintenance Yard site, as presented. Passed with a motion by Dr. Anthony Collatos and a second by Ms. Linda Reid.

Vote:

Yes Dr. Anthony Collatos.
Absent Ms. Barbara Lucky.
Yes Ms. Linda Reid.
No Ms. Suzanne Seymour.
Yes Mr. Malcolm Sharp.

Minutes:

The following individuals addressed the Board: Joan Davidson (Palos Verdes Estates), Tom Barrett (Rancho Palos Verdes), Alan Hesser (Rancho Palos Verdes), Jessica Vlaco (Rancho Palos Verdes), and Kevin Lally (Rancho Palos Verdes).

PFMG Solar representatives, Alex Smith (Vice President, Business Development) and Chris DeWitt_____ were present to assist with the presentation and answer questions from the Board.

Parents opposing solar project at 4 schools

By Ed Pilolla ed.pilolla@pvnews.com @pvpeninsulanews on Twitter | Posted: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 4:30 pm

Officials from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District and PFMG Solar are scheduled to visit four elementary schools Thursday and Friday in an attempt to build support for installing solar panels on the schools' campuses.

The informational meetings are intended to address the specific concerns of parents of students and residents who live in the immediate area of Point Vicente, Mira Catalina, Silver Spur and Vista Grande elementary schools, said Superintendent Don Austin.

At last week's board of education meeting, several parents and neighbors of Vista Grande, as well as other schools, attended to oppose the solar project for reasons ranging from aesthetics to the proposed placement of the installations. The school board approved the 25-year contract with PFMG Solar in November by a 3-2 vote despite concerns that the work was awarded without a competitive bidding process.

The contract is expected to provide an energy savings to the district of about \$6 million over the 25 years and solar educational opportunities for students, officials said.

Since the contract was approved, district officials and representatives of PFMG Solar have conducted outreach meetings with parents and neighbors to determine the placement of the solar panels at each of the 16 school campuses.

At the Feb. 24 meeting, board of education members voted 3-1, with Suzanne Seymour dissenting, to approve plans for solar installations at ten schools. Several schools fall within the jurisdiction of the Palos Verdes Homes Association, which is reviewing the latest plans and may give the district additional feedback on the placement of the panels.

Construction work is expected to begin this summer.

The informational meetings at the four remaining elementary schools are intended to build consensus for the solar project among parents and neighbors with misgivings.

Charla Martinez, who has worked as a district teacher and substitute teacher for more than 30 years, told the school board March 9 that she has never complained to the school district about anything in the 53 years she has lived next to Vista Grande.

"This solar project bothers me," Martinez said. "It bothers me that my own and my neighbor's views will be impaired."

Other parents complained that too much of the school's play area would be reduced with the installation of solar arrays. They hoped to stop the solar project at Vista Grande, just as no solar arrays are planned to be installed at Lunada Bay Elementary School and the Malaga Cove district office campus.

Austin has said that Lunada Bay and Malaga Cove will not receive solar panels because the electrical demand of those sites is not large enough to generate the necessary cost savings to justify solar installations.

However, parents cited previous comments by PFMG representatives before the school board that indicated as many as three small schools could refuse solar panels and the project would still be financially viable for the company, and that preserving views as well as a lack of cost savings were the reasons solar panels were not proposed for the Malaga Cove campus.

In an interview, Austin acknowledged that aesthetics played a role in the decision, though he described it as minimal.

"Little to none" Austin said. "Almost nothing."

Tom Barrett, the homeowners association president for Palos Verdes Village, which surrounds Vista Grande, provided the News with a Sept. 24 email from Alex Smith of PFMG to Austin, which was obtained through a public records request by activist Joan Davidson. The email indicates that Austin removed the Malaga Cove campus from the project before PFMG performed an electrical analysis of the schools. However, Austin would not comment on the email to the News.

"We will have no further comment on aspects of the project that have already been decided," Austin said.

Austin added that making a statement on the possibility of removing a school from the solar project would be "premature."

"We have had outreach after outreach effort, and we're still continuing that," Austin said, adding that some Vista Grande neighbors had spearheaded a change in the location of the solar arrays on the campus but are now complaining about the current placement of the panels.

"It's interesting how some of the feedback we've taken from the same exact people is now being questioned by those people who gave us the feedback in the first place," Austin said. "So we're working through it."

Barrett said Friday's informational meeting is not effective outreach.

"In my opinion, scheduling a meeting at 2 p.m. when a majority of the residents will be at work is a deliberate way to avoid public comments and participation," Barrett said.

Austin said he remains upbeat about the project. He anticipates that the board of education will make

a review of additional schools to approve for solar panels at the April 27 meeting.

“We already have ten projects ready to go, and I think we’re very close on these last handful,” Austin said, adding that the board of education is not required to approve the individual school site projects because the contract already was approved in November. However, the school board is taking the “extra step” as part of the outreach effort, he said.

More than 80 revisions have been made to the original solar panel proposals at the 16 schools, demonstrating a collaboration between district and PFMG officials and parents and neighbors of the schools, Austin said. The solar contract also includes upgrades to the electrical capacity at Point Vicente, Ridge Crest and Rancho Vista elementary schools, work worth about \$1 million, Austin said.

The solar project informational meetings are scheduled for Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Point Vicente; 10 a.m. at Mira Catalina; and 11:30 a.m. meeting at Silver Spur. On Friday, officials will meet with parents and neighbors of Vista Grande at 2 p.m.